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Dear Dr. Eisenberg,

I am organizing a Conference for the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology on the topic of "Membrane Molecular Biophysics: Structure and Dynamics." The Conference is to be held July 17-22, 1994, at Saxton's River, VT. The vice-chairman of the Conference is Dr. John R. Silvius of the Department of Biochemistry, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec. This Conference, which is modeled after the Gordon Research Conferences, is designed to bring together researchers in membrane biophysics for intense scientific discussion over a five-day period. I have enclosed a copy of the tentative program in order to give you a more precise appreciation for the high quality interdisciplinary meeting with this will be. Recent progress in membrane biophysics has been explosive and this meeting should be particularly timely in helping to bring focus to the significance of current developments.

The Conference on Membrane Molecular Biophysics will focus on our current level of knowledge about the following important areas of membrane research: (1,2) membrane lipid organization and dynamics, (3) modeling integral membrane protein structure and dynamics, (4) integral membrane protein structure and dynamics, (5) protein-lipid interactions, (6) intracellular trafficking, (7) membrane-membrane interactions, and (8,9) biophysical and molecular genetic approaches in membrane research. We plan to invite 3-4 speakers for each of these nine sessions who are world leaders in these areas of research. Many of these leading scientists have already expressed their enthusiasm for participating in this Conference. Poster presentations will also be included in the program to allow additional information on these topics to be presented. Since the size of FASEB Summer Research Conferences is limited to 155 participants, every attendee will have an opportunity to present a poster paper during the meeting. The Conference will be advertised by FASEB to its entire membership as well as in various scientific journals and society newsletters.

Dr. Silvius and I are presently attempting to enlist financial support from the corporate sector for the partial support of the travel and registration expenses of our invited speakers. Many of the potential participants are depending on this financial support. Travel may cost up to $700 for West Coast participants, and the room, board, and registration costs for the meeting are approximately $400 per person. We also wish to support at least 10 junior investigators (at $500 apiece) who might otherwise not be able to attend. These promising young investigators represent then new blood of this field who will be making significant contributions in the coming decades. Thus I am writing to you to inquire about a possible financial contribution to our

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Conference. I can assure you that your contribution will be well spent and that it will be gratefully received and publicly acknowledged.

If you would like more details about the meeting, please feel free to contact me by phone at (612) 625-0957, or by FAX at (612) 624-0632. The Vice-Chairman, Dr. John Silvius, can be contacted by phone at (514) 398-7267 or by FAX at (514) 398-7384. We will greatly appreciate any financial help you can give. Checks should be annotated "Membrane Molecular Biophysics: Structure and Dynamics," and made payable to FASEB Summer Research Conferences, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814-3998.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

David D. Thomas

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